











## The Newport Mercury.

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Wolfboro, N. H., indulged in the luxury of a snow-storm Monday.

The women suffragists have received their annual defeat in the New York Legislature.

Gen. James refuses to be considered a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in New York.

Another fruitless attempt was made on Thursday to sell the Sprague property, and the sale was adjourned with out day.

A second electrical railway has been constructed and formally opened at Berlin. Is railroading to be revolutionized?

Mr. James Gordon Bennett has remembered Captain DeLong's widow by presenting her with the munificent sum of \$50,000.

In the Supreme Court, at Providence on Wednesday, the jury awarded Samuel Lee \$5000 damages in his suit against the Union Railroad Company.

Samuel J. Tilden is looming up as a probable candidate of the Democrats for Governor of New York. He is a hard man to beat, as the New York Republicans fully realize.

The Senate has confirmed Colonel Worthington as Collector of Boston, in the face of the opposition of the two Massachusetts Senators. Neither, however, intends to resign a la Conkling.

Mr. Chase L. Wolfe has declared war against the Cameron faction of the Pennsylvania Republicans. An Independent Republican ticket will be put in the field, and a lively contest is promised.

A memorial of Longfellow is fitting, and many admirers of the lamented poet will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to join the dollar subscribers to the fund for the proposed memorial.

The Georgia Independent Democrats propose to elect the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens governor. Stephens is one of the ablest Southern statesmen, and his candidacy will give the Bourbons a great fright.

There are still unrented some sixty or seventy cottages that are usually rented. The prices are about the same as last year, and there is an active inquiry for real estate, improved and unimproved. With warm weather the season would soon "boom."

The fashionable residents on Murray hill, New York city, have petitioned the board of health to put a stop to the ringing of the bell on St. John's Episcopal church. Only people with a bad conscience should be troubled by the summons of the church bell.

The refusal of the Revue house managers to admit Gen. Robert Smalls and party to the hotel, on account of his color, is creating much discussion in Boston. Bostonians are very anxious to have the civil rights bill enforced down south, but don't care so much about Boston.

"Galt" hears that ex-Senator Coulting is going to run for Congress in the Utah district—the constituency he represented in the House fifteen years ago. If ex-Secretary Blaine also appears as a member from Maine, the next House of Representatives will be rather more lively than usual.

## The Opium Habit.

No vice is more pernicious or more certain of the ultimate degradation of the victim than the use of opium. Ever and anon, we are astounded at the statements of physicians giving us alarming statistics of the universality and destructiveness of the baneful habit. Its victims are scattered over almost the entire world, and our own country has its full share. It is high time that active measures were taken against this terrible vice, and upon religious bodies this duty is especially incumbent. We are glad to notice that the Quakers have awakened to the demand for the suppression of the habit, and are the first religious body that has practically opened an assault upon opium-eating. Other denominations should lose no time in coming to their assistance in this most commendable crusade. If the spread of the habit is not speedily checked it bids fair to develop as rapidly as in China, where the consumption of opium is increasing as fast as the production of the drug. In western and north-western China, it is no longer smoked through a pipe, but is eaten, its bitterness being usually relieved by mixing a sweet paste with it. It is time to be up and doing against an evil that promises to assume gigantic proportions, unless speedily checked.

Mr. Bancroft, the historian, has been forty-eight years writing the "History of the United States," and yet it is only brought down to the election of the first President, so careful and painstaking is his work. Like Gibbon, he is said frequently to rewrite whole sections which do not exactly suit him. Though now eighty-two years of age, the venerable historian is still at work, and hopes to bring his history down to the time of the Mexican War.

## Prospective Military Visitors.

Mayor Slocum has received a letter from Col. Emmons Clarke, commanding the famous Seventh Regiment of New York, stating that the regiment contemplate a two days' visit to New England the latter part of July or first of August. One day would be spent in Newport and the other in Providence or Boston. It was further stated that the city will not be put to any expense, and inquiry was made if the visit would be entirely agreeable. A very cordial invitation "to come and see us" was returned. The officers of the regiment will hold a meeting today, to decide upon their summer tour.

The experiment has been successfully tried of carrying electricity in cans across the ocean. Steamer Labrador, from Havre, to New York was illuminated by electric light on her last trip over, the electricity being supplied from cans that had been filled before the steamer sailed from Havre. Canned electricity will henceforth be on sale like other commodities, but it must be handled with care.

Chief Engineer George W. Melville, who is making the hazardous and almost hopeless search for the missing boat and party of the Jeannette under command of Lieutenant Chipp, is a man of very striking appearance. He is a heavily-built man, weighing about 190 pounds, and is about five feet eleven inches in height. Of large and powerful frame, he is of light complexion, and has bright, piercing blue eyes. He is supple and a skilled athlete.

Representative Chase, of Rhode Island, who is largely interested in cotton and woolen manufacture, says that the average wages paid labor in these industries in the United States is 62 per cent. greater than that in England, and that the wages of skilled labor exceed those of England in a greater degree. He thus controverts the statement of Colonel Wright.

It is stated that the coffee from the wreck of the steamship Pliny, at Long Branch, is poisoned by arsenic from a large quantity of hides, comprising a portion of the cargo. It is alleged that a number of the smaller boarding house keepers at Ashbury Park had gathered large quantities of the coffee.

Some months since a Chicago publishing house mailed a copy of a new book to "Herbert Spencer, London, England." A few days ago the book was returned to the publisher with the indorsement of the London Postmaster, "Could not find." Such is fame!

Thirty-nine suits for six thousand dollars each have been brought by Blackstone Valley manufacturers against the city of Worcester, Mass., for water pumped during the summer 1876, after the giving way of the Lynde Brook Reservoir dam.

James Vick, who is known throughout the country as a seedsman and florist, died this week at Rochester, N. Y., at the age of sixty-four years. He was an enthusiastic horticulturist, and has contributed much towards educating people to a love for flowers.

A passenger on the Wisconsin, which arrived Wednesday in New York, is supposed to have had something to do with the Dublin assassination. His strange conduct led to this belief. He is now being followed by the police.

The United States National Lawn Tennis Association has decided on continuing the use of the Ayres ball. The principal event of the season will be the tournament of the association at the Casino in August.

There was a reckoning day in the composing room of the Boston Advertiser the other morning. The words, "We brayed and sang together," in a poem on the funeral of Emerson, were the cause.

Shipper, the Peruvian schemer, flatly refused on Wednesday to produce the documents called for by the House of Representatives investigating committee. He stands a good chance to be arrested for contempt.

The New York Mail and Express says that Oscar Wilde has been socially neglected since his return to the metropolis. People will forget their highest interests.

There have been rumors this week that Wm. H. Durfee had made a confession. We understand that these stories are without foundation.

The eclipse of the sun was very successfully observed at Soham, Egypt, Wednesday, and valuable photographs taken.

A robber disguised himself in the skin of an alligator and succeeded in stealing a planter's hogs from their pen near the river.

A cat died in Woonsocket, on Saturday, that was valued at \$150. Cats in this vicinity are not rated so high.

There is still good sleighing in the Province of Quebec and the Saguenay River is reported as still frozen over.

Mr. Chas. T. Hazard is reported to be recovering from the severe injury he received in one of his eyes.

State Senator William Whitcomb, of East Providence, died on Thursday.

General Kaufmann, Russian Governor of Turkestan, is dead.

## Wheat Low and Beef High.

The weather of the past few days throughout the Northwest, West and Southwest, has been bright, cool and in every way favorable for growing wheat, for both winter and spring. Reports from Northern Dakota show an increased wheat acreage in that section, and on both sides of the Red River Valley. The increase ranges from 10 to 50 per cent., and averages 30 per cent. between the Mississippi River and the Red River. In Northern Dakota the increase ranges from 25 to 50 per cent. In the newly-opened territory along the Northern Pacific, between the Red River and Devil's Lake, the increase can hardly be estimated in percentages. The wet prices of last year now contain thousands of acres of wheat. The weather is favorable, and work is progressing finely. Equally favorable returns are given from Southern Minnesota. Drying winds have put the ground all over the West in good order for planting corn, and a largely-increased acreage is assured. The fruit prospect is less promising. The peach crop will be light, and apples will not exceed a fair average.

While these reports render it reasonably certain that the country will be blessed with a generous yield of wheat, there is a well grounded apprehension of a beef famine. The price of beef, as consumers know to their sorrow, has risen largely of late, and everywhere cattle dealers make the complaint that cattle are scarce and high-priced. The scarcity and high price of corn at the West has kept the farmers from raising but few cattle, and a great scarcity is reported. If we are to have a beef famine it can not be of long duration, for the West will soon be ready to make good the deficiency, with the strong inducement of high prices. The large exportations abroad have a decided influence on the beef market, and in the hurry to sell abroad, we have been forgetting an equally good market at home.

## A Large House-Furnishing Establishment.

The Providence Furniture Company, one of the largest house-furnishing establishments in New England, makes an important statement on the 4th page of this week's MERCURY. This well-known firm have a reputation throughout New England for fair and honest dealing. They advertise to deliver goods free of expense, so those who purchase of them can have the articles delivered at their own homes without extra charge.

## Shooting at Paradise Range.

On Wednesday the following scores were made: W. B. Knight 47, W. S. Bryer 45, G. H. Burnham 45, P. Peckham 45, E. E. Leonard 44, C. S. Plummer 43, S. McLeod 41, J. Renon 40, J. Bruash 36, C. Hartgen 35. Today a team of the Newport club will shoot at Walnut Hill near Boston against the team of the Massachusetts club.

The dangerous practice of steamboat racing seems to have been transferred from the Mississippi to the great lakes. Steamer American Eagle exploded her boiler Thursday off Sandusky in Lake Erie while racing another boat. That only two lives were lost makes the affair no less criminal.

Frederick Chamberlain, a farmer, and his wife, died Wednesday, at West Orange, Mass., from poison caused by handling gunnys. Both bodies presented a bloated and disfigured appearance, and were buried that night.

Oscar Wilde says that he learned while he was West why Nature is clothed in green. No doubt Nature is green for the same reason that Oscar is silly—it's Nature's nature to be green.

The Egyptian Cabinet has submitted to the Khedive. The members kissed the royal hand and garments, professed loyalty and implored pardon, but the Khedive received them coldly.

The cutter Samuel Dexter is on special duty at New York in overhauling incoming steamers, to apprehend any persons connected with the recent assassinations in Ireland.

The Allan Line steamship Peruvian was spoken, Saturday, near Cape North, B. B., drifting helplessly in the fog, having lost her propeller.

Major Tupper, whose late campaign against the Indians in the far west was so successful, has been officially congratulated by Gen. Wilcox.

Lieut. Danenhower and his party, survivors of the Jeannette Arctic expedition, have arrived at Hull, and have set out for Liverpool.

Justices Miller and Matthews, of the U. S. Supreme Court, will summer at the Ocean View Hotel, Block Island.

Mrs. Rachael Tompkins, the only surviving aunt of Gen. Grant, being his father's sister, died at Cedar Grove, Thursday night.

Seven men and two women were killed by Indians in Chihuahua, Mexico, Tuesday.

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## The Troubles of England and Ireland.

It appears that the understanding between the Government and Mr. Parnell has been completely ruptured. His speech on Monday night denoted his conviction that he had been over-reached. But Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons has denied emphatically that any compact had been entered into between the Government and Mr. Parnell for the release of the Irish members. The inference from his remarks was that the Government came to the decision in consequence of a letter written by Mr. Parnell to Mr. O'Shea, Home Rule member for County Clare. It is not doubted that the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish was the result of a political plot, and it is said that Earl Spencer also would have been murdered had the opportunity favored. Mr. Forster, in an election speech, said that the confidence of the Liberal party in Mr. Gladstone is unshaken.

Little progress has been made in the efforts to apprehend the assassins of Cavendish and Burke. It is now thought that twelve men were engaged in the plot. The police believe they know the car-driver who drove the supposed assassins about Dublin.

The New York authorities are examining on their arrival all steamers which left Ireland for this country after the assassination. Two steamers have been searched without results.

The Hon. Cadwallader Colden Washburn, youngest brother of Elihu B. and Israel Washburn, ex-member of Congress and ex-Governor of Wisconsin, died at Eureka Springs, Ark., at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, of paralysis and Bright's disease. He was born at Livermore, Maine, April 22, 1818, engaged in business in Boston, and removed to Wisconsin, where he entered upon the practice of the law. He served with distinction in the war, retiring with the rank of major general. He was a Representative in Congress for five terms.

Jumbo had a distinguished success in Washington. At the President's reception the other evening, Mr. George Bancroft was heard to earnestly congratulate Mr. Arthur on having seen the great elephant; and Mr. Arthur responded with animation, "And did you see him too?"

Mrs. Danenhower received a letter from Lieutenant Danenhower of the Jeannette a few days ago, in his own handwriting—the first that he has attempted to write since his eyes have been in such threatening condition. He probably will reach home about May 28.

Lydia Adams, said to be one hundred and thirteen years old, died at Eureka, Mo., Friday. She claimed to have been an attendant in Washington's tent during the Revolution, and to have sold peanuts to his soldiers. She was born in Halifax, Va.

The manager of a matrimonial bureau says that women are not so particular about money they are "generally more anxious about getting married than about the money. Money or no money, they all want to get husbands."

"Tut, tut," was the reproof with which Emerson once threw into silence and confusion of mind a too loquacious admirer who was offending his sense of modesty by praising his works to his face at a social gathering.

The Gullenn exceptions have been overruled, and the final appeal of the assassin decided. There is but one fate for the miserable wretch—the execution of the sentence on June 30, at the Washington jail.

A wealthy young lady in England eloped with her father's groom. They went to South Africa, where the man obtained a situation as waiter in a hotel. The damsel has returned to her parents.

The Spanish Minister to Washington will spend the summer with his family at Saratoga, but will not mingle in society there, Madame Barba being in mourning for the death of her mother.

Edwin Booth, who will sail hence for England on May 31, is to appear in London, at the Adelphi, June 26, and will act there six weeks. The first piece probably will be "Richelieu."

The Sutton, P. Q., murder mystery has been solved. William Richards, under arrest for the past two weeks, has confessed that he killed Jackson in a quarrel over a little money.

Twelve persons were drowned in Lake Calumet, Pullman, Ill., Sunday evening. They had ventured out in a small sail boat on a pleasure excursion, despite the gale that raged.

At Ormskirk, Eng., a young woman had died apparently from the effects of a fright caused by suddenly hearing the loud yelp of a dog as she was walking through the street.

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